Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

February 7, 2017

Dear General Milley:

We are writing to express our support of the Army's plan to modernize the Stryker fleet with enhanced survivability and lethality.

It was the strong partnership between the Army, Congress and Industry that made possible lifesaving upgrades such as conversion of flat bottom Strykers to the far more survivable and modern Double-V Hull (DVH) variant and the Stryker lethality upgrade, adding a powerful 30mm cannon to the Stryker Infantry Carrier variant.

The current modernization plan is successfully underway as was recently demonstrated by the rollout of the first 30mm equipped Stryker vehicle, a major win for the Army.

When the Army came to Congress expressing an urgent need for these requirements due to increasing global threats, we provided the necessary funding for both upgrade programs. The achievements to date on the 30mm rapid acquisition, 15 months from contract award to prototype delivery, is the type of acquisition efficiency necessary to ensure that our Soldiers have the most modern and lethal Stryker fleet possible.

Thus far, we have been very impressed by the progress of these modernization programs and strongly applaud the Army's support of them. It is critical that funding requests for these programs are sustained in the Army's FY 18 budget request.

We stand ready to continue supporting both of these vital upgrade programs, which provide our Soldiers with the most advanced, survivable and lethal capability of any ground platform.

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